

Masonic Birthdays –April 2020

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following Brethren

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Ernest C. Hiscoe	50
Rollain E. Mercier	44
Robert E. Pelletier	28
Wilfred G. Caouette	27
Ronald P. Moody	27
Douglas M. Barker	22
Iouri M. Starosselski	22
Theodore F. Thompson	15
Thomas C. Rizzo	14
Vasilios P. Zaharopoulos	13
Timothy R. Marotte	11
Jon A. Rhan	10
Benjamin J. Langlois	9
David M. Denehy	8
Alexander L. Durden	4
Costin Barbu	4

I wish each of the above Brethren a very happy Masonic Birthday.

Timothy Marotte, W.M.

Attest: Brian J Smith, P.M., Secretary

Elected Officers – Rising Sun 2019

Worshipful Master:	Timothy Marotte
Senior Warden	Richard Johnston
Junior Warden	John Woodrow
Secretary	Brian Smith
Associate Secretary	Larry Gullett
Treasurer	Kevin Bailey
Associate Treasurer	Steve Bahsler
Trustee:	Ed Waible
Grand Lodge Rep:	Michael Tebbetts

Lodge Dues are \$115 for Rising Sun, combined with the Assessments for 2020 totaling \$55 this brings the total to \$170. Note that dues are due prior to the ensuing year. 2020 Dues are due on or before December 31, 2019

Brethren we still have a significant number of members who have not paid their Dues.

If you need assistance, please contact the Master or Secretary

2020 ANNUAL DUES ARE PAST DUE

You may pay via check, or electronically via the Rising Sun Website. You may also make donations electronically for specific funds as well.

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*Making a difference in our community
since 1822*

Masonic Trestleboard ~April 2020~

Important Lodge Events

STATED MEETING CANCELLED

AND ALL SPECIALS IN APRIL ARE CANCELLED.



From the East

This is a difficult message for me to write given the ongoing issues our world is experiencing today. I have made the decision to cancel our scheduled meetings for April and will be keeping a close eye on the situation as it develops further. I have read about jurisdictions around the country and world putting a halt to Lodge activities to help us flatten the curve and reduce the spread of this vile illness and I have also read an interesting response to that from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Minnesota that I would like to share:

As with so many of these COVID-19 directives being sent by Grand Lodges around the World, you'll note that "Lodge" activity and not "Masonic" activity is being canceled. Brotherly love, relief, and truth, the soul of Masonry, cannot be stopped by emergency. In fact, if ever they were to be ramped up in scope, now is that time. Check on one another. Lean on one another. Engage with one another, so that through all this Masons will truly be men whom distress may prefer its suit, and

whose hearts are expanded by benevolence.

These words reflect my feelings better than I can put to words. We must make sure to keep in touch and make sure that those in need can reach out. I wish you all the best during these trying times and I believe in resilience of this community.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Tim Marotte W.M.

From the West Richard L. Johnston PM SW

On March 14, 5 Brethren from New Hampshire travelled to Wallingford, Connecticut for the 39th Annual New England Brotherhood Night Dinner. The Connecticut Grand Lodge as well as their Masonic-care community are located in that town.

This was just prior to everything being shut down due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and we were very lucky to attend. If you have not been to one of these events, I recommend it highly. I always enjoy finding old friends and making new ones in other jurisdictions.

We informally discuss many current issues, and while we may not come away in agreement, we always part as friends and Brothers.

The speaker this year was a Brother from Vermont. He eloquently presented his perspective of our organization as someone who was not a Grand Lodge officer, but rather a front-line Mason and lawyer by profession. He came locked and loaded with opinions and suggestions for improving the face of Masonry, defending our values, and combatting common public misperceptions of the Craft.

If I was to remember one takeaway, it was to be unified when defending the Craft. As a private institution, many of the civil rights guaranteed under the constitution and amendments do not apply to us in a legal sense. One example was the oft-stated comment that we are an exclusive organization of elderly wealthy white men. That refrain might sound familiar. We all know that it is not true, and we enjoy great diversity among races and religions. But as a private organization, those who seek to disparage us, are missing the mark. We have the right to free assembly and to choose with whom we want to assemble. No one can force us to do otherwise. This is the singular

quality that allows us to accept good men, deny admission to those who are not, and purge from our ranks those who become unworthy.

Over the last year, you may have heard me use the phrase that we must always “guard the West Gate.” This is most important today as we struggle with weakening membership, cursory investigations and rushing candidates through degrees. I urge all of my Brothers to take our oaths seriously, strive to live by them and seek self-improvement. Set the bar of morality high for yourself so that we will remain a paragon band of Brothers bound by the cement of Brotherly Love and affection, and envied by all who meet us.

Guard the West Gate!

From the South: John C. Woodrow JW

These are challenging times for our country and for the world. This is also an opportunity to demonstrate how Mason’s act, and to reflect our principles both in our words as well as our actions. To the extent of our cable tow let each of us reach out daily to those in our community that are elderly or live alone, to friend’s family and neighbor’s you may not even know. The danger is not just the pandemic

that is upon us, but the isolation that it can bring as we distance ourselves physically from each other. So, pick up the phone, stay in touch, remain vigilant and stay informed. Optimism is called for. As Americans we come together in times of crisis, we are resilient, creative, and we take care of each other. Be mindful brothers of the Charge given to us by the Worshipful Master at the end of each of our Stated meetings.” Let the world observe how Masons love one another” and “Do good unto all”.

Please save the following dates:

Upcoming Events:

April 8th Postponed FC Degree

April 15th Cancelled Stated Meeting

April 22nd Postponed Master Mason Degree

April 29th Postponed Master Mason Degree

May 13th FC Degree 7PM (Tentative)

Michael Ansaldi (if entitled)
Scott Hurley (if entitled)

May 27th 6:00PM

There will be a S.A.F.E. Food seminar sponsored by Rising Sun #39 in the 4th Floor dining room. This free seminar is about 2 hours long and light snacks will be provided. At the completion of the seminar, you will be provided with a certificate of completion.

Please Note: If you intend to work in the kitchen you are strongly encouraged to attend, even if you have taken it previously. The information is updated and timely, and is applicable not only to our Masonic functions, but also in the home.

June 3rd MM Degree (Tentative)

5:30 1st section Dinner at 6:30 2nd Section 7:30.

Bro. Randal Perkins (if entitled)
Bro. Eric Thing (if entitled)

MM June 10th Degree (Tentative)

5:30 1st section Dinner at 6:30 2nd Section 7:30.

Bro. Lawrence Osborne (if entitled)

July 9-12 John Albro lodge # 122 Visit

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Best Western in Dartmouth NS at 902 463-2000 mention Rising Sun Lodge for group rate. More info in next month’s

From the Southeast:

Greetings all, I am happy to report that many of the brethren have paid their dues in a timely manner this year. We have just paid our annual assessment to Grand Lodge, so our coffers have taken a bit of a hit. Please check your wallet, and if your dues card does not say 2020 on it, please consider paying your dues, or at least a partial payment to assist the Lodge with our operating expenses.

If you need assistance, please contact the Master or Secretary.

Grandview Registration

As most of you know Grand Lodge of NH has transitioned to a new member Database called Grandview. Each member is encouraged to create their own member account to be able to update their personal information such as address, phone number, email address, and even put your spouse's information in to enable us to better fulfill our obligations to take care of our widows and orphans.

Registering for Grand View

- Access the New Hampshire Grand View platform
- URL:
<https://nh.gvsoftware.com>
- Upper right corner of the page, click-on **Member Portal**.

Do not try to log in before clicking Member Portal

- The login screen should now appear. Click **Membership Registration** (upper right).
- Fill in the requested information.
- Lodge Number: Do not enter leading zeros. Example: If your Lodge number is 1, just enter the number 1 and not 001, etc.
- Member ID: Enter your current member number from your dues card.
- Last Name: Enter your last name exactly as it appears on your dues card
- Click on the “*Check Membership Status*” button
- A second page will be displayed.
- Enter your PERSONAL email address and any minimum 8-character password. (Remember your password, only you will know what it is.)
- Click o *submit* your information

If having difficulties, watch

the following video:

Video

link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hx-WliihfcM>

Once you've registered, you can log on and find the following at your portal:

My Profile, Lodge Locator, News and Events, My Lodges, Resources, Grand Lodge, Find Meetings, Notification Preferences, Grand View Social, Virtual Card and Seminars.